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Note verbale dated 19 June 2018 from the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and has the honour to inform the Committee of the measures taken by the Republic of Turkey to effectively implement Council resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013), 2270 (2016), 2321 (2016), 2356 (2017), 2371 (2017), 2375 (2017) and 2397 (2017).

Following the Prime Ministry's circular directives Nos. 2006/362006/36, 2016/112016/11 and 2017/9950 pertaining to the implementation of Security Council resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2270 (2016) and 2321 (2016), the Council of Ministers of Turkey adopted, on 5 March 2018, decision No. 2018/11480.

As communicated earlier, Council of Ministers decision No. 2017/9950, adopted on 20 February 2017, was designed as a consolidated text that translates all actionable measures included in Security Council resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013), 2270 (2016) and 2321 (2016). Decision No. 2018/11480 amends the Prime Ministry's previous circular directive No. 2017/9950 in accordance with the relevant Council resolutions adopted thereafter.

Decision No. 2018/11480 entered into force on 16 March 2018, upon its publication in the Official Gazette. Together with its annexes, it has thus become part of Turkish national law. The decision is transmitted herewith.*

In addition to the action taken through the adoption and implementation of that decision, the Government of Turkey has taken the following national steps within the context of the said Security Council resolutions:

- The Ministry of the Interior, under article 9 of Law No. 6458 on Foreigners and International Protection, has added the persons designated (for travel ban), set forth in resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013), 2270 (2016), 2321 (2016) and 2356 (2017), as "prohibited persons for public order and security" and has banned their entry into Turkey through the G-87 (general security) restriction code.

* The text of the decision is on file with the Secretariat and is available for consultation.

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- The Central Bank and its branches have taken note of the persons and entities designated (for asset freeze), have taken the precautions necessary to prevent business, including a correspondent bank relationship, with any bank in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and foreign currency transfer to the aforementioned country, and have briefed their employees on those measures. The Central Bank has also confirmed that there are no citizens of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that hold a bank account with the Bank.

- The Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency has informed all banks operating in Turkey of the said measures.

- Vessels, identified as financial resources, have been registered to the automatic identification system of the Turkish Coast Guard Command.

- The Turkish Atomic Energy Authority has reported that no persons or entities residing in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have applied for export permits and that it has noted the names of persons subject to the travel ban and the persons and entities subject to the asset freeze, to be taken into account in possible future export permit applications for sanctioned materials and parts that could have nuclear use.

- The Ministry of Customs and Trade has informed all its regional directorates of the said Security Council resolutions and has put a notification in the computerized electronic operating system for customs procedures that all transactions (export/import/transit/transfers) from/to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea are subject to Security Council sanctions.

- The Ministry of Labour and Social Security has reported that there are no citizens of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea authorized to work in Turkey.

Lastly, the Permanent Mission of Turkey wishes to reiterate that Turkey, as a member of all relevant control regimes, has in place all the tools necessary to effectively implement the aforementioned Security Council resolutions. Information on Turkey's implementation in relation to arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation can be found in the national reports of Turkey contained in documents S/AC.44/2004/(02)/63, S/AC.44/2004/(02)/63/Add.1 and S/AC.44/2007/21, as well as in matrix format, including updated information available on the official website of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004).

The information contained in the present note constitutes Turkey's national implementation report in accordance with paragraph 18 of resolution 2371 (2017) and paragraph 4 of resolution 2397 (2017).

The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) the assurances of its highest consideration.